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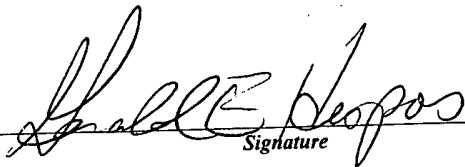
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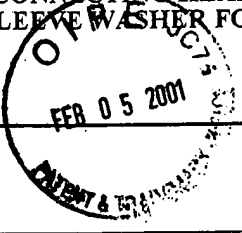


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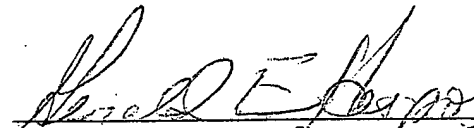
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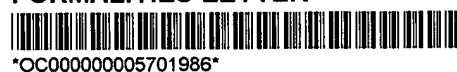
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- Figure(s) **5,6,7,8** described in the specification.

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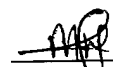
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